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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: IMMUNOMODULATORY  
POLYNUCLEOTIDES AND METHODS OF  
USING THE SAME

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Examiner: P. Duffy

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated March 8, 2007 (Paper No. 20070305), for which a response was due on June 8, 2007. Furthermore, a Notice of Appeal was filed on September 5, 2007, thereby extending the deadline for response to November 5, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby further extending the deadline for response to December 5, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.